

Arizona Cancer Coalition Diagnosis and Treatment Committee

May 21, 2007 (Monday)

Attendance: Bill McMullen, Sharon Jaycox, Jessica Han

Via Phone: Kendra Sabol Marie Schneider, Dr. Lopez

Updates:

Bill stated that a recruitment tool kit was being prepared.

Sharon gave more details about the toolkit, which will help with recruitment and retention of coalition members. Revised coalition membership forms & materials will be included in the tool kit.

Bill and Becky have been sending out emails and haven't heard back from anyone. They will continue to try and contact members. Emails to thank them have also been sent.

Work Groups:

1. Patient Navigation Project

The Patient Resource Guide is in the final process of being completed. Bill would like to make sure the guide gets to the right people. Those listed in the guide will be provided with copies but it is still important to distribute it to other appropriate people or agencies.

Recommendation:

- Have 3-4 people to help distribute the resource guide to the right people, group, community, etc.
- Try to recruit cancer survivors or community workers to help with the distribution of the resource guide.
- Ask committee members for distribution help. Marie Snyder volunteered to help with the distribution in the Phoenix area.

2. Reducing geographic barrier

Bill spoke on how geographic barriers were preventing people from receiving diagnosis and treatment. He also indicated that there are organizations out there (e.g. MCI) that have offered to help alleviate these barriers (e.g. telephone costs, mammography machines).

Recommendation:

- Work group headed by Mary Schneider.
- Collaborate with other committees so as not to duplicate efforts and to augment the committees' efforts.
- Identify the geographic barriers.

3. Reduce financial barriers:

Recommendation

- Workgroup consisting of members that are able to help draft plans. (e.g. Noridian issue).
- The members should include cancer survivors and advocates.

Dr. Lopez stated that Komen may provide grants for financial disparities which she will look into. She will also send e-mails out and see if she can help recruit people to take part in this workgroup.

If anyone knows of someone who would be interested contact either Bill (BillMullen@cox.net) or Becky Howard.

Next meeting

June 18 from 12:00 to 1:30
Great American Tower
Lunch provided
Call in number: 602.542.9001